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**REMARKS**

Applicants hereby claim priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 on the basis of German Patent Application Serial No. 102 55 324.6-22, entitled *A Device for Interrogating the Locked Condition of a Vehicle Safety Belt Buckle*, filed November 27, 2002.

Enclosed is a certified copy of German Patent Application Serial No. 102 55 324.6-22, filed November 27, 2002, to support the claim of foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 in connection with the above-identified application.

Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to the specification are proper, do not constitute new matter, and will not create an additional burden on the Examiner. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that such amendments to the specification be entered.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants respectfully submit that the newly-added paragraph and amendments to the specification do not add new matter and will not present an additional burden on the Examiner. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this amendment, Applicants' attorney would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter with the Examiner. Applicants' attorney can be reached at 214.979.3093.

To the extent that any further fees, whatsoever, are required at any time during the prosecution of this application, including any petition and extension fees, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees, including, without limitation, any fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 23-3189 of Hunton & Williams (Dallas) and reference Attorney Docket No. 64646.2. Please credit any overpayments to this same Deposit Account.

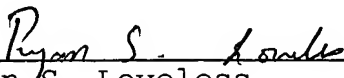
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